

WAIVER OF VISAS AND VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Oslo May 10 and July 23, 1929

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Department of State files

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

OSLO, May 10, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to my note of April 30, 1925, and conversations recently had with Your Excellency relative to the mutual waiver of visa fees for non-immigrants I have the honor to propose that the following agreement be effected between the Government of the United States and that of Norway:

"The Government of the United States will, from the 1st of January, 1930, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Norway desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not 'immigrants' as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924,² namely, '(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;' and from the same date the Government of Norway will not require non-

¹ *Post*, p. 523.

² 43 Stat. 153.

immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Norway or its possessions, to present visaed passports."

In case Your Excellency's Government consents to the above form your reply to that effect will be considered sufficient by my Government for the purpose of concluding the proposed agreement. Early action in this matter will [be] appreciated.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency

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etc.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OSLO, July 23, 1929

MR. MINISTER:

Replying to your note of May 10, 1929, I have the honor to inform you that from January 1, 1930, the Norwegian Government will not demand passport visas for citizens of the United States who desire to visit Norway or its possessions in the capacity of non-emigrants, that is, those who belong to the classes of travellers mentioned in your note; provided that from the same date the Government of the United States of America will not collect any fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of Norway desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not immigrants and who belong to the classes of travellers set forth in the above-mentioned note.

Be pleased to receive, Mr. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

JOHAN LUDWIG MOWINCKEL